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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP ASSN. STUDY GROUP:
NUGENT, JOHN M., JR.

1. NUGENT, MEMBER OF CANADIAN-AMERICAN GROUP VISITING TUNISIA DECEMBER 15-22 UNDER AUSPICES OF Tafa, IS DIRECTOR OF TASK FORCE ON ENERGY AND RESOURCES, REPUBLICAN RESEARCH COMMITTEE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. HE WAS INVITED BY BOURGUIBA, JR., WHO OBTAINED HIS NAME FROM THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS STAFF.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH DEPTOFF, NUGENT SHOWED HIMSELF TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND WELL PREPARED. FOR EXAMPLE, HE VOLUNTEERED HIS AWARENESS THAT GOT ALLOWING OIL SHIPMENTS TO U.S. DEPTOFF RECOMMENDED THAT NUGENT CONTACT BOTH SCOTES AND LOGAN AT EMBASSY TUNIS.

3. AAI CONFIRMS THAT 33 CANADIANS AND 55 AMERICANS WILL MAKE TRIP AND THAT THEY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO TUNISIAN OFFICIALS AT HIGH LEVEL. FRANK FERRARI, NOW TRAVELING IN AFRICA, WILL JOIN GROUP IN TUNIS. KISSINGER

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